

6500 → 5700 BC

AT ÇATAL HÜYÜK, on a single site of 32 acres (only 1 acre has been explored) it has become possible to retrace in an unbroken sequence, the evolution of a NEOLITHIC culture over a period of 800 years; an evolution that led from a predominantly hunting and food-gathering economy to a full agrarian one!

6500 B.C.

Cattle were domesticated.

6,500 BC
8,500 YA

Several times in past, when
glaciers held much more of world's
water as ice, continental shelves
were largely above water. The
ocean then was nearly 500 ft
below its present level. Pollens
found in our East Coast continental
shelf show that deciduous trees
flourished there until submerged

about 8,500 yrs ago.

Now fish swim where birds once flew.

6500 BE

Wheel invented by Sumersians

6500 BC

Scratched bone found near
floodwaters of Nile (Apr 1963).

Alexander Marshack determined that
it was a Calendar.

Marks represented # of days for the
successive lunar phases

The same pattern seemed to occur

6570 BC → 6100 BC

Colder climate

6,500 BC

homo sapiens in Near East

Ca 6500 BC

Three Near Epi-sys plaster statues
dating to ca. 6500 B.C. were among
the artifacts discovered at
'Ain Ghazal, the largest Early
Neolithic settlement in the
near East

(northern outskirts of Amman, Jordan)
Earliest such art was ever found.